

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC
SECURITY FOR MONTANA FAMILIES
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER
Location-Rural Dynamics 2022 Central Avenue (Great Falls, MT)
July 21, 2008 12:30p-5p
July 22, 2008 8a-2:30p**

Monday, July 21

12:30 pm	Welcome, introductions, approval of minutes, review of agenda.
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Successful Passage of the L3C Law in Vermont. Use of a For Profit L3C for Socially Beneficial Enterprises in Montana. Bob Lang, CEO, Mary Elizabeth & Gordon B. Mannweiler Foundation Inc., New York.
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	1. Financial Education Coalition – Statewide Activities. Christina Barsky, Consumer Credit Counseling, Great Falls. 2. “Bridges to Benefits” web tool Jolene Baach – Communications Director, Rural Dynamics Inc., Great Falls.
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	Break
3:40 pm – 4:40 pm	Overview of Current Efforts at Opportunity Links– Experience with programs to improve economic security. Possible application of these actions to some of the Council recommendations. Barb Stiffarm, Opportunity Links, Havre.
4:40 pm – 5:00 pm	Dinner plans, review of next day’s plans.

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am – 10:00am	Next set of actions by Council members: Open discussion by all council members and ex-officio members: Items for discussion include, but not limited to: what are the next steps for the council, what actions and efforts is the council in a position to take – to move the efforts further based on overall mission provided to the council by the Executive Order. Discussion will also include setting benchmarks and goals that can be measured and a timeline.
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Council discussion: <i>The poverty report card for MT.</i> NOTE - <i>Council members are requested to review results of this study from the link attached.</i> (http://www.montana.edu/extensionecon/poverty.html) Discussion: What does this report indicate about the status of poverty in various regions of the state? How can this data be used to demonstrate need for the complex approaches to economic security? What are the Council’s options for using the data?
11:30 am – 12:00 noon	Update on release date for the Self Sufficiency Standards report. Options and plans for release of both reports.
12:00 noon – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Family Economic Security programs in MT - Hank Hudson, local program operators.
2:00 pm – 2.30 pm	Next meeting agenda, date Adjourn

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